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1. COMMERCE HAS FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON POSSIBLE NTB'S

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ADDITIONAL TO THOSE INCLUDED ATTACHMENT 2 OF REFAIR A. INFORMATION BASED LARGELY ON EARLIER REPORTING BY EMBASSY. IF NTBS DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPHS 2 THROUGH 8 ARE VERIFIED, THEY SHOULD BE REPORTED ALONG GUIDELINES REFAIR A.

2. ENCLOSURES REFAIR F REPORT SUBSIDIES FOR SPECIFIC INDUSTRIES AND R&D SUPPORT (GATT NTB CATEGORIES 1-A AND 1-B).

3. OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE HERE INDICATES SUBSIDIES OF A$8/LONG TON ON SULPHATE AND A$15/LONG TON ON UREA IF THEY ARE PRODUCED AND SOLD IN AUSTRALIA AS FERTILIZER (CATEGORY 1-A). IS INFORMATION STILL CORRECT?

4. REFTEL C REPORTS THAT IN GOA PROCUREMENT FOREIGN BIDS ARE INFLATED BY THE DUTY APPLICABLE TO COMMERCIAL TRANSACTIONS ALTHOUGH DUTY NOT APPLIED ON ITEMS PROCURED BY GOVERNMENT (CATEGORY 1-D).

5. EXCELLENT REPORTING IN REFTEL E ON OFFSET PROCUREMENT POLICY (CATEGORY 1-D). ANY DEVELOPMENTS SINCE BLACK'S FEBRUARY VISIT?

6. COMMERCE WOULD APPRECIATE UPDATED INFORMATION ON TARIFF QUOTA (CATEGORY 4-A) ON SMALL PITCH CHAIN (REFAIR G) AND ON ANY OTHER TARIFF QUOTAS. WE UNDERSTAND TQS ON KNITTED AND WOVEN SHIRTS AND KNITTED OUTER-GARMENTS EFFECTIVE ONLY TO JULY 1.

7. WALL STREET JOURNAL NOVEMBER 5 REPORTED THAT VEHICLES SOLD IN AUSTRALIA MUST CONTAIN 85 PERCENT AUSTRALIAN MADE PARTS (CATEGORY 1-F). IS THIS REQUIREMENT BASED ON VALUE OR WEIGHT?

8. WITH EXCEPTION OF NEW ZEALAND FREE TRADE AGREEMENT, LITTLE INFORMATION AVAILABLE HERE ON GOA PREFERENTIAL TRADE AGREEMENTS (CATEGORY 4-B). DOES EMBASSY HAVE INFORMATION ON OTHERS (E.G. CANADA AND PAPUA)?

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9. POST IS ALSO ASKED TO VERIFY, BUT NOT REPORT IN FULL IN ACCORDANCE WITH GUIDELINES IN REFAIR A, FOLLOWING INFORMATION WHICH IS NOT REFLECTED IN ATTACHMENT 2 REFAIR A. INFORMATION IS BASED IN PART ON INDUSTRIES ASSISTANCE COMMISSION ACT OF 1973 AND MARCH 21 STATEMENT BY THE MINISTER FOR SECONDARY INDUSTRY AND SUPPLY TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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10. NOTIFICATION 4: NEW MARKET DEVELOPMENT GRANTS SCHEME EFFECTIVE JULY 1, REPLACES EXPORT MARKET DEVELOPMENT ALLOWANCE. GRANTS TO BE PAID AT PREMIUM RATE OF 85 PERCENT OF EXPORT DEVELOPMENT COSTS FOR NEW EXPORTERS, FOR DEVELOPMENT OF NEW MARKETS OR FOR GOA-SPONSORED TRADE PROMOTION; STANDARD RATE OF 60 PERCENT FOR OTHER COSTS OF EXPORT DEVELOPMENT. EXPORTERS RECEIVE NO MORE THAN A$100,000 ANNUALLY OR 10 PERCENTOF EXPORT VALUE WHICHEVER IS LESS. REFAIR D REPORTS CEILING OF A$125,000 IF EXPORTER PARTICIPATES IN GOA TRADE PROMOTION. SCHEME IS TO BE ADMINISTERED BY EXPORT DEVELOPMENT GRANTS BOARD.

11. NOTIFICATION 4: REFAIR D REPORTS PAYROLL TAX REBATES TO BE TERMINATED JULY 1.

12. NOTIFICATION 138: COMMERCE UNDERSTANDS GOA CONSIDER-ING ADOPTION BRUSSELS DEFINITION OF VALUE FOR CUSTOMS PURPOSES. HAS THERE BEEN PROGRESS?

13. NOTIFICATION 139: COMMERCE UNDERSTANDS SUPPORT VALUE DUTY NOW 67.5 PERCENT OF DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SUPPORT VALUE AND DUTY PAID VALUE.

14. NOTIFICATION 853: TEMPORARY PROTECTION IS NOW PERFORMED BY TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE AUTHORITY. TEMPORARY PROTECTION CEASES WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER INDUSTRIES ASSISTANCE COMMISSION REPORTS TO MINISTER OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE ON PERMANENT PROTECTION POSSIBILITIES. RUSH

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